

Phil. 108
Philosophy of Social Science

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Required Work

Tests: two hour tests and a take home final (Due Tuesday December 9)

1. You must complete all required work to pass the course.
2. The take home final must be submitted as a hard copy (not email attachment).
3. If you have a valid reason why you cannot take the tests at the prescribed time, or submit the take home final when it is due, I must approve it before that date. Otherwise, there will be a penalty for lateness.

Readings

Phil 108 Reader
Searle, The Construction of Social Reality
Rosenberg, The Philosophy of Social Science

Assignments

Weeks 1-2: Searle: pp. 1-147.

Week 3: Rosenberg, Chapter 2,

Week 4: Hempel (in Reader), Geertz (in Reader), HOUR TEST, Oct 23,

Week 5: Durkheim (What is a Social Fact, Explanation of Social facts), in Reader.

Week 6: Rosenberg, Chapter 5, Cohen, Functional Explanation; In General (in Reader).

Week 7: Cohen, Functional In Marxism (in Reader), Pettit, (in Reader).

Week 8: Moody-Adams (in Reader), HOUR TEST (Nov. 20)

Week 9: Rosenberg, Chapter 6, pp. 71-81.

Week 10: Blackburn (in Reader), Schelling (in Reader).